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**New Hampshire Employment Security (NHES)  
Prosecutes Case to Defraud State of New Hampshire**

**CONCORD** – On Monday, May 21, 2007, Mr. Derek Shepard of Franklin, NH, was convicted in the Concord District Court of 2 counts of fraud by non-disclosure in violation of the Unemployment Compensation Statute. He was sentenced to 90 days in the House of Correction and to a two thousand dollars fine. \$1,500.00 of the fine was suspended for two years while he pays restitution. A \$100.00 penalty assessment was added to the fine. He was ordered to make restitution of \$1,503.00 plus an administrative fee of 17% through the NH Department of probation. The imposition of incarceration was suspended for two years conditioned upon good behavior, and payment of restitution.

Mr. Shepard began lawfully collecting unemployment benefits after becoming unemployed. After returning to work, he continued filing for benefits without disclosing his new employment. Unemployment fraud is frequently discovered when NH Employment Security computers cross-match the information claimant's list on weekly applications for benefits, to the quarterly wage reports filed by their employers. This includes reports of persons who may be collecting benefits fraudulently in New Hampshire while they are employed in other states. Employers also report to the state all new hires.

The New Hampshire Department of Employment Security is aggressively seeking convictions in fraudulent unemployment insurance cases. "We are committed to providing unemployment insurance benefits that are fair and benefit the great majority of workers who are honest," said Commissioner Brothers. "The small minority who break the rules face serious consequences."

Suspected Unemployment Insurance fraud can be reported by calling 1-800-228-4016. For additional information, go to <http://www.nhes.state.nh.us> and select Employment Security Division, Unemployment Insurance, and Fraud.

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